

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (currently amended): The connection as claimed in claim ~~1~~, any one of claims 4, 5 and 9 wherein the groove (15) is in the shape of a circular arc, the associated, imaginary circle being at least approximately concentric with the imaginary circle of pivoting movement of the coupling piece (5).

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): A connection between two components comprising a steering mechanism component and a steering column component of a motor vehicle steering system, the connection comprising a steering coupling which connects these two components, the steering coupling has one end attached to one of the components and, another end having a coupling piece movable in an articulated manner about an axis of articulation, said coupling piece forming a connecting partner with the other component and comprises two clamping jaws which, after the coupling piece has been pivoted about the axis of articulation, engage around a section of the other component, a

clamping screw inserted into two aligned openings formed in the
clamping jaws, the screw is screwed into a thread in such a
manner that the section which is engaged is secured by the
clamping jaws, wherein at least one bolt (14) is arranged on one
of the coupling piece (5) and the connecting partner (1), to
which the coupling piece (5) is connected with clamping action,
said bolt engages, in a connecting position, in a groove (15) of
the other of connecting partner (1) and coupling piece, the
groove (15) having an end section (17) which, with respect to an
axial extent of the connecting partner (1) or coupling piece
bearing said groove, runs perpendicularly in a vertical
direction, wherein the bolt (14) has an end position, and
wherein the groove (15) is open in the vertical direction at an
end (18) remote from the end position, wherein the groove (15)
widens in a funnel-shaped manner following the end section (17)
toward the end (18) remote from the end position ~~The connection~~
~~as claimed in claim 1,~~ wherein the coupling piece (5) has a
stop (16) which bears, in the connecting position, against the
upper side of the steering spindle journal (9), and wherein the
groove (15) is open upward.

Claim 5 (currently amended): ~~The connection as claimed in claim~~
~~1,~~ A connection between two components comprising a steering
mechanism component and a steering column component of a motor
vehicle steering system, the connection comprising a steering
coupling which connects these two components, the steering
coupling has one end attached to one of the components and,
another end having a coupling piece movable in an articulated
manner about an axis of articulation, said coupling piece

forming a connecting partner with the other component and comprises two clamping jaws which, after the coupling piece has been pivoted about the axis of articulation, engage around a section of the other component, a clamping screw inserted into two aligned openings formed in the clamping jaws, the screw is screwed into a thread in such a manner that the section which is engaged is secured by the clamping jaws, wherein at least one bolt (14) is arranged on one of the coupling piece (5) and the connecting partner (1), to which the coupling piece (5) is connected with clamping action, said bolt engages, in a connecting position, in a groove (15) of the other of connecting partner (1) and coupling piece, the groove (15) having an end section (17) which, with respect to an axial extent of the connecting partner (1) or coupling piece bearing said groove, runs perpendicularly in a vertical direction, wherein the bolt (14) has an end position, and wherein the groove (15) is open in the vertical direction at an end (18) remote from the end position, wherein the groove (15) widens in a funnel-shaped manner following the end section (17) toward the end (18) remote from the end position wherein the coupling piece (5) has a stop (16) which bears, in the connecting position, against the lower side (23) of the steering spindle journal (9), and wherein the groove (15) is open downward.

Claim 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (currently amended): The connection as claimed in ~~claim 1~~
any one of claims 4, 5 and 9 wherein, on at least one of the
connecting partners (1, 5), two parallel grooves (15) are
arranged on opposite sides (12) of the connecting partner (1, 5).

Claim 9 (currently amended): ~~The connection as claimed in claim 1~~
A connection between two components comprising a steering
mechanism component and a steering column component of a motor
vehicle steering system, the connection comprising a steering
coupling which connects these two components, the steering
coupling has one end attached to one of the components and,
another end having a coupling piece movable in an articulated
manner about an axis of articulation, said coupling piece
forming a connecting partner with the other component and
comprises two clamping jaws which, after the coupling piece has
been pivoted about the axis of articulation, engage around a
section of the other component, a clamping screw inserted into
two aligned openings formed in the clamping jaws, the screw is
screwed into a thread in such a manner that the section which is
engaged is secured by the clamping jaws, wherein at least one
bolt (14) is arranged on one of the coupling piece (5) and the
connecting partner (1), to which the coupling piece (5) is
connected with clamping action, said bolt engages, in a
connecting position, in a groove (15) of the other of connecting
partner (1) and coupling piece, the groove (15) having an end
section (17) which, with respect to an axial extent of the
connecting partner (1) or coupling piece bearing said groove,
runs perpendicularly in a vertical direction, wherein the bolt
(14) has an end position, and wherein the groove (15) is open in

the vertical direction at an end (18) remote from the end position, wherein the groove (15) widens in a funnel-shaped manner following the end section (17) toward the end (18) remote from the end position wherein the bolt (14) is mounted rotatably in the manner of a roller on the associated connecting partner (1, 5).

Claim 10 (currently amended): The connection as claimed in ~~claim 1~~, any one of claims 4, 5 and 9 wherein the thread (20) is formed in a weld-on nut (21) which is fastened to the outside (22) of one clamping jaw (6) of the clamping piece (5).

Claim 11 (currently amended): The connection as claimed in ~~claim 1~~, any one of claims 4, 5 and 9 wherein that section (9) of the connecting partner (1) which is engaged around has, on its lower side (23), a transverse channel (24) having a semicircular cross section.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The connection as claimed in ~~claim 1~~, any one of claims 4, 5 and 9 wherein that section (9) of the connecting partner (1) which is engaged around has a screw passage hole running transversely.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The connection as claimed in ~~claim 1~~, any one of claims 4, 5 and 9 wherein the coupling piece (5) has a U shape in cross section, the limbs of the U shape forming the clamping jaws (6, 7) and the base of the U shape bearing, in the connecting position, against the facing circumferential region (11) of that section (9) of the

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connecting partner (1) which is engaged around, and wherein the sides (12) of that section of (9) of the connecting partner (1) which is engaged around that lie opposite the clamping jaws (6, 7) are flattened.